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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Texas and the State of Israel have mutually
2 benefited from an enduring relationship forged through common
3 values and historical and cultural ties; and

4 WHEREAS, The United States became the first country to
5 recognize Israel as a sovereign nation in 1948, and since that time,
6 the two great lands have been strengthened by their alliance in
7 economic trade, diplomacy, and national security; and

8 WHEREAS, Through the years, trade has been a vital link
9 between Texas and Israel, with state exports to Israel totaling
10 nearly \$600 million in 2013; this strong commercial partnership has
11 resulted in more robust economies and even greater cross-cultural
12 understanding; and

13 WHEREAS, Relations between Texas and Israel have
14 immeasurably contributed to the prosperity enjoyed by both, and
15 their lasting friendship is a testament to the profound respect and
16 steadfast commitment that they share; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the 84th Legislature of the State of Texas
18 hereby declare the State of Israel a major strategic ally of Texas
19 and reaffirm its dedication to continuing their long-standing and
20 productive relationship.